(c) (i) Bachelor of Engineering of the Madras University.
(ii) M. E. (Honours) of the College of Engineering, Madras.

(d) The College course includes study of motor mechanism also.

(e) and (f) He has undergone one years's practical course in Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Workshops, where there is a separate motor section. He is also reported to be in touch with up-to-date motor mechanism.

Particulars re Motor Engineers.

194. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement showing:
(i) the names of the Motor Engineers now in the State service;
(ii) their qualifications:
(iii) the pay drawn by each; and
(iv) the service put in by each on the 1st Medam 1102?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (i) to (iv) There are no officers in the State service designated Motor Engineers. There are, however, a few officers in the Public Works Department possessing qualifications to test the mechanical and structural safety of motor vehicles. A list* of such officers is laid on the table with their qualifications, pay and service.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to the answer to part (i) of my question, may I know from the member whether the answer given is correct?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There are no Motor Engineers and hence it is correct.

MR S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I refer the member to page 54 of the Budget and page 53 of the Civil List, where a Motor Engineer's post is provided for?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is a designation in the Royal Stables. It is not in the general service.

MR S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Is it not State service?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is State service.

Admission of Students to the Junior Intermediate Class of the Science College for 1927-28.

195. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the admission of students to the Natural Science branch of the Junior Intermediate class, Science College, will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether students who were not included either in the original or supplementary list of admissions published by the College authorities

* *Vide* Appendix I—page 974.

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[Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai.]

were admitted in preference to those who were included either in the original or supplementary list, and, if so, why ;

(*b*) whether students who had taken Mathematics as their optional subject for the E. S L. C. Examination were admitted in preference to those who had taken Botany as their optional subject for the E. S. L. C. Examination, and, if so, why;

(*c*) whether there was any instruction from the Director of Public Instruction limiting the number of students to be admitted, and, if so, what the instruction was ;

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, whether students were admitted in excess of the number so limited, and, if so, how many were so admitted and why they were admitted ; and

(*e*) how many applicants were there from the Mahomedan community and how many were given admission ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes. Because judged by their certificates, they were better qualified for undertaking the course of studies in which provision is made for instruction in English, Second Language, Chemistry and Physics, in addition to Natural Science (Botany and Zoology).

(*c*) The Director of Public Instruction had issued no instruction specifying the number of students to be admitted. But general instructions were issued by him to the Principal to see that the number of students in any class did not exceed that for which there was proper accommodation.

(*d*) This question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*c*).

(*e*) The number of applicants was five and the number admitted was three.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to answer to part (*b*) may I know why the students who took Mathematics as their optional subject were preferred to the students who took Botany in the Intermediate Class?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The certificates are taken as a whole and the admission is made with reference to marks in all the subjects and it is reported that Mathematics is regarded as more important in that group than Botany, because the percentage of marks is only less than for Physics and Chemistry and Zoology.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Therefore, am I to understand, that so far as admissions to the students of the Natural Science branch of the Junior Intermediate is concerned, Mathematics is considered to be more important than Botany ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : From the University point of view, Botany is of comparatively less importance as a subject for Part II of Group II in the Intermediate Examination having only one-sixth of the total marks assigned to it, while Chemistry and Physics have each one-third and Zoology the remaining one-sixth.

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